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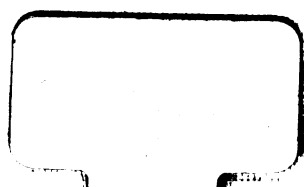
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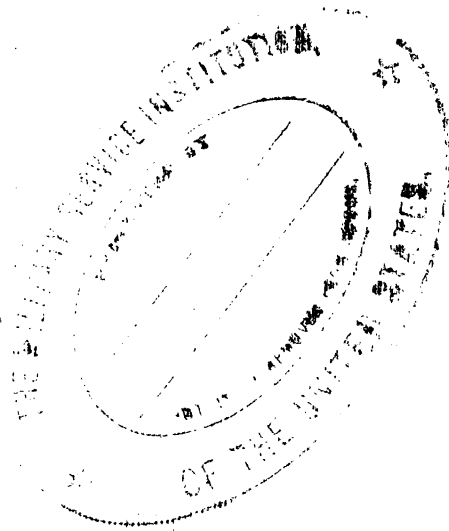
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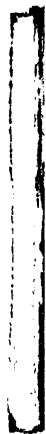
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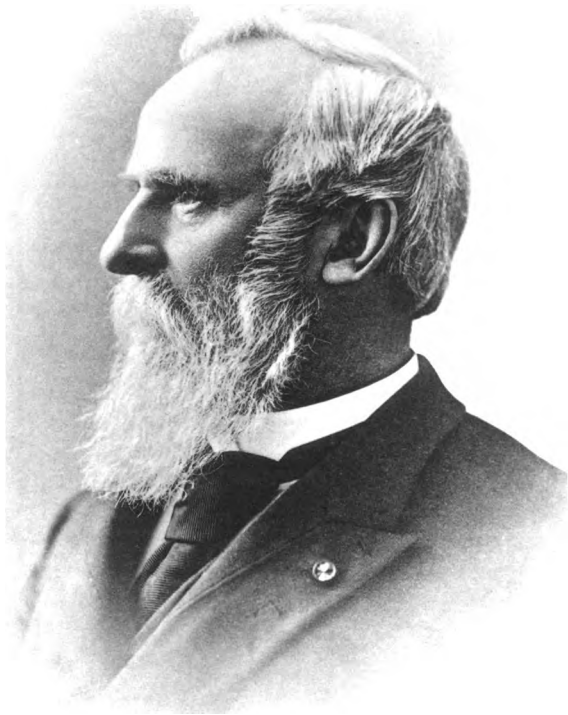
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Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

# IN MEMORIAM

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*Brevet Maj.-Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes*

UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS

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*"The impartial historian will not fail to recognise the conscientiousness,  
the manliness, and the courage that so strongly characterised  
his whole public career."*



**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES.**

**Major 23d Ohio Infantry June 27, 1861 ; Lieutenant-Colonel October 24, 1861 ; Colonel October 24, 1862 ; discharged to accept promotion October 19, 1864.**

**Brigadier-General U.S. Volunteers October 19, 1864 ; resigned and honorably discharged June 8, 1865.**

**Brevetted Major-General U.S. Volunteers March 13, 1865, "for gallant and distinguished services during the campaign of 1864 in West Va., and particularly in the battles of Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, Va."**

**President of the United States March 4, 1877, to March 4, 1881.**

**Elected July 6, 1881, in the Commandery of Illinois. Class 1. Insignia 2175.**

**Transferred to Commandery of Ohio May 3, 1882. Charter member.**

**Commander of Commandery of Ohio February 7, 1883-May 4, 1887.**

**Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief October 21, 1885-October 17, 1888.**

**Commander-in-Chief of the Order October 17, 1888-January 17, 1893.**

**Born October 4, 1822, at Delaware, O.**

**Died January 17, 1893, at Fremont, O.**





**Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.**  
**COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.**

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HEADQUARTERS, PHILADELPHIA, January 18, 1893.

I. The Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief in great sorrow announces the death on Tuesday, January 17, 1893, of Companion Brevet Major-General RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

II. To the Companions of the Order, who venerated him in military and civil life, it is unnecessary to recite his career. It is the history of the Republic.

III. Appropriate action will be taken by the Commanderies of the Order, and as a mark of respect, the colors will be draped for three months.

By command of

Rear-Admiral JOHN J. ALMY, U.S.N.,  
Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief,  
*Commanding.*

JOHN P. NICHOLSON,  
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U.S.V.,  
*Recorder-in-Chief.*



**Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania**

***In Memoriam***

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania

*Whereas*, In the death of the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, this sacred Companionship loses its most distinguished representative, the nation loses a pre-eminent citizen who had honored and been honored by the foremost elective, administrative and executive position on the face of the earth, and the world loses a great and a good man ; it is fitting that the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania should express its loving regard for his memory, and its deliberate estimate of his high personal worth, and of his important public services ; therefore

*Resolved*, That in Rutherford Birchard Hayes we see a typical American citizen, and a typical volunteer Union soldier of the war for the preservation of the nation's existence. Born in the common walk of our American life, he rose by his industry, his intellectual ability, and his personal character, to a position of honor in our national Congress, to the governorship of his native State, and to the presidency of the United States. Volunteering for the defence of the national government in the hour of its peril, he won honor and did good service by conduct that General Grant characterized as "marked by conspicuous gallantry as well as the display of qualities of a higher order than mere personal daring ;" and this while he had none of the advantages of an early military education. And when the war was over, and he had served his term of President, he deemed it a privilege and an honor to walk with the humblest private soldier in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic along the main avenue of our national capital, which his devoted patriotism had aided to save, and which his simplicity and purity of personal worth had given added grace to, when he passed from Capitol to White House as the nation's President.

*Resolved*, That we honor the memory of him whom we mourn because of his stainless personal record, and of his unflinching fidelity to duty in every position which he was called to occupy ; because of his high courage on the field of physical battle, and of his higher

courage in the moral field of conflict, by putting country above party in an honest effort to perfect by fraternal feeling that peace between conflicting sections which had been won by the sword ; and we bear love for his memory because of the warm heart that endeared him to every soldier or citizen who knew him as he was.

LEWIS MERRILL,  
Brevet Brigadier-General U.S.V.

JAMES M. FORSYTH,  
Commander U.S. Navy.

SAMUEL BELL,  
Brevet Lieut.-Colonel U.S.V.

EDWIN N. BENSON.

WILLIAM MCCONWAY,  
2d Lieutenant 102d Penna. Infantry.

H. CLAY TRUMBULL,  
Chaplain 10th Conn. Infantry.

*Committee.*



**Commandery of the State of New York**

***In Memoriam***

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of New York

The Board of Officers of the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, sharing in the sorrow of the whole Order on the announcement of the sudden death of its Commander-in-Chief, Brevet Major-General Rutherford B. Hayes, of Ohio, late President of the United States, having assembled in special meeting, deem it proper at this time to record their sense of his worth.

Entering the service of his country on the 7th day of June, 1861, as Major of the 23d Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, General Hayes served with distinguished ability until the close of the War of the Rebellion, rising to the rank of Brigadier-General, and receiving a well-merited brevet of Major-General "for gallant and distinguished services during the campaign of 1864 in West Virginia, and particularly at the battles of Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, Virginia."

The people of his own State three times testified their appreciation of his worth as a citizen and his virtues as a man by electing him their Governor, and the people of the whole United States affirmed their judgment by electing him to the highest office in their gift. Never has his earnestness of purpose, rectitude of intention, fidelity to duty, loyalty, courage or patriotism been questioned. His unstained record is the proudest inheritance he could have left to his children. As his companions in arms and in our Order, we share in their pride in his life, and more than others realize the loss they and the country have suffered by his death.

*Resolved*, That we offer to the family of our deceased Companion the tender sympathy of this Commandery in their sorrow.

*Resolved*, That this minute be spread upon the records of this Board, and that the Recorder transmit an official copy thereof to the family of General Hayes.

WAGER SWAYNE,  
Brevet Major-General U.S.A.  
*Commander.*

CHARLES N. SWIFT,  
Brevet Lieut.-Colonel U.S. Vols.  
*Recorder.*



**Commandery of the State of Maine**

***In Memoriam***

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Maine

The Commandery of the State of Maine, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, in all honor and affection adds its leaf of memory to the many tributes which his attached companions and grateful countrymen have placed upon the grave of Rutherford Birchard Hayes, Brevet Major-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Order, who died January 17, 1893.

His record as a soldier is honorable and without stain. He entered the service of the United States April 15, 1861, as a private; on the organization of his company he was elected Captain; under the ordeal of active service he was promoted through the successive grades to the rank of Colonel, October 15, 1862; of Brigadier-General of Volunteers, October 19, 1864; and on the 13th of March, 1865, he was brevetted Major-General "for gallant and distinguished services during the campaigns of 1864, particularly in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek." He resigned from the military service of the United States June 9, 1865. The entire period of his service was passed in active and arduous duty. Five wounds received in action attested his personal bravery, and his worth and efficiency as an officer were amply proved by the commendation of his superior officers and the respect and regard of all who served under him. He responded promptly to the call of his country, served her faithfully and well, and sheathed his sword only when the war was ended, although months before he could have exchanged, without the slightest impeachment of his honor, the military service for the post of civic usefulness to which he had been elected.

The record of his civic services is long and illustrious. He was twice elected a member of Congress, three times Governor of the State of Ohio, and was President of the United States from March 4, 1877, to March 4, 1881. He was a charter member of the Ohio Commandery February 7, 1883; Commander from February 7, 1883, to May 4, 1887; Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Order from October 21, 1884, to August 5, 1888; Commander-in-Chief of the Order from August 5, 1888, to January 17, 1893, the date of his death.

The recital of his illustrious services is eloquent eulogy : soldier, statesman, patriot, companion and citizen, in every capacity he was faithful and loyal, and merited well of his countrymen, not only for duty rightly done in their behalf, but for the noble example of American manhood he gave to the world. Under the guidance of principle and patriotic devotion, he steadfastly trod the path of duty with firm and assured step, without halting or swerving, and therefore history will hold for him the growing fame which attends the memory of the true and just.

The Loyal Legion reciprocates with full hearts the great love and honor in which he held the Order, and will bear in grateful remembrance the distinguished services which he took pride in rendering it.

The closing words of his address at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Order give the keynote of his character as a statesman and patriot, and deserve to be remembered by his countrymen and companions as the utterance of one whose deeds illustrate his precepts : —

“Let the American people—and especially let all who stood by Lincoln on the perilous edge of battle in support of the rights of human nature—remain steadfastly true to the ideas and the thoughts for which they fought in the great war, and we shall then do all that in us lies to link the destiny of our country to the stars and to entitle her institutions to share in that immortality which, under the allotment of Providence in the affairs of nations, belongs only to eternal justice in the dealings of man with his fellow-man.”

SELDEN CONNOR,  
Brigadier-General U.S.V.

WM. B. LAPHAM,  
Brevet Major U.S.V.

SAMUEL W. LANE,  
Captain U.S.V.

*Committee.*

less charities and self-sacrificing devotion to the welfare of the more unfortunate of his fellow men, are but further proofs of the greatness of his heart and the finer instincts of his nature.

In his home life he was the kind-hearted and indulgent father, and the most devoted of husbands.

There is not in all the land a more beautiful domestic story than that which tells of the love and tenderness of Rutherford B. Hayes and his noble and devoted wife.

The most touching incident connected with his death was that moment when, informed by his physician that his life was fast going out, he said, with an evident sense of relief in being freed from life and care, and with an abundant hope and faith in the hereafter, "I know that I shall soon be where Lucy is," and then his spirit winged its eternal flight and joined the loved ones on the other shore.

The country has lost one of its great statesmen and one of its most faithful defenders.

His old army comrades have lost a brave commander, an honorable associate, and a wise counsellor.

The Loyal Legion one of its most devoted and beloved Companions.

And as citizens we have, each and all, lost a devoted comrade, a true and faithful friend.

That which remains for us to cherish is the memory of this clean-handed, mild-mannered, clear-minded, noble-hearted patriot, statesman, and philanthropist—

"A combination and a form, indeed,  
Where every god did seem to set his seal,  
To give the world assurance of a man."

"Rich in saving common sense,  
And as the greatest only are,  
In his simplicity, sublime."

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, JR.,

ROBERT P. KENNEDY,

MOSES M. GRANGER,

*Committee.*

**Commandery of the State of Michigan**

**In Memoriam**

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Michigan

The Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion records its deep sense of loss in the death of the distinguished Commander-in-Chief of the Order, General R. B. Hayes. It is a loss great in itself and saddening in the force with which it brings home to our minds the rapid departure of the men foremost in the late war and foremost in our membership. Each Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion has served until removed by death.

General Hayes' life was distinguished for *service*. He gave devoted service to his family, to his country, to his fellow-men, to his God. His patriotism, ability, conscientiousness and high standard of honor made his service not only of great value in its time, but exalts it as an example to be emulated and a memory to be cherished.

His career need not be recounted here. It is known to the whole country and adds to the glowing illustrations of American manhood and American possibilities.

General Hayes' motto seems to have been "I serve," and in the difficult part of ex-President of this country it led him to seek paths of usefulness to humanity rather than a life of idle dignity.

The Loyal Legion will not only recall with pride General Hayes' chief place in its membership, but it will delight in his many gracious words to and of the Order. The best enunciation of the purpose and character of the Loyal Legion is to be found in his speeches, and they can always be drawn upon for all-sufficient reasons for the existence of the Order.

W. H. WITHINGTON,

R. A. ALGER,

I. C. SMITH,

O. M. POE,

F. W. SWIFT,

SAMUEL E. PITTMAN,

*Committee.*

**Commandery of the State of Minnesota**

**In Memoriam**

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Minnesota

The death of General Rutherford B. Hayes, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and nineteenth President of the United States, has filled all our hearts with sadness, and led all members of our Order to bow their heads in grief and tears.

He was born in Delaware, Ohio, October 4, 1822, and died at Fremont, Ohio, January 17, 1893.

His life has been one of sincere devotion to the welfare of his fellow men, and of earnest work in the broadest fields of usefulness, with the greatest self-abnegation and as high achievements as it has been permitted any man to attain, with the exception, possibly, of the first President of the Republic.

In his efforts to promote the welfare of his fellow men, he sought and performed the hardest service, where his personal peril was the greatest, and exposure and hardships were unavoidable. No public honors, none of the allurements of political life, no services that might be rendered the state in secure retreats in time of war, had any such influence as tended in the least to draw him from that higher and more perilous service required by his country, to resist and overthrow armies organized for her destruction. He was carried by the instincts and impulses of his nature away from all civic honors into the military service and to the field of battle at the first dawn of war. He graced and adorned every position and every rank held by him, from Major, in 1861, to that of Major-General in 1864, and rendered most gallant, conspicuous and valuable services on many fields of battle. In leading a charge with his regiment and carrying the enemy's position and holding the same although severely wounded, at South Mountain in 1862; in moving a portion of his command in a manner to check the raid of the rebel General Morgan in Ohio in 1863, and forcing the surrender of a portion of that force; in successfully storming the position of the enemy at Cloyd Mountain in 1864, at the head of a small force; in conducting the retreat of the defeated assaulting column at



Winchester in July, 1864, without disaster : in leading the assault across what was considered an impassable morass, upon a rebel battery, with a small detachment of forty men, and capturing the same at the second battle of Winchester ; in his successful pursuit and capture of men and material of General Early's command at Fisher's Hill in September, 1864 ; and in outmanœuvring and defeating the enemy in his front at Cedar Creek in October, 1864, he not only demonstrated his deep devotion to his country in her hour of peril, and his readiness to sacrifice his own life for the happiness and welfare of others, but also demonstrated the possession of the highest soldierly instincts and qualities, and an unflinching determination to preserve and perpetuate the constitutional government established for us by our fathers.

Immediately upon the defeat of the rebel armies and the restoration of the authority of the government, he flew from the field to the forum and took an active and prominent part in the adjustment of all those intricate and difficult public questions evolved by and growing out of the war ; in demanding the restoration of the rebellious States by their old territorial lines and organizations to the Union ; in standing everywhere and always for the sacred character of the public debt contracted in the conduct of the war, and insisting that it must be paid in money that is legal tender in all nations ; in demanding that discharged Federal soldiers in the seceded States, without regard to color, must have at least all the rights, legal and civil, that had been conferred by the proclamation of President Johnson upon the paroled soldiers of the rebel armies ; in working out the resumption of specie payment at the earliest time practicable after the close of the war ; in efforts, marked and able, to secure a free ballot and fair count at all elections, and an improved and honest civil service ; in recommendations and measures to establish the national credit upon foundations immutable and everlasting ; in taking the first steps and adopting the first policies, even to tendering a cabinet position to prominent officers of the rebel armies and appointing one to that position to restore fraternal feeling between the loyal and disloyal States and their respective inhabitants, and thereby laboring to secure the quiet and protection of the negro race in the South, and securing to that weak and defenceless race during his administration a quiet and protection not before enjoyed, after the war ; and in the general administration of the office of President, with a purity and patriotism unexcelled, he exhibited the highest qualities of statesmanship and showed himself to be more a tribune of the people than the vigorous, dashing leader of any party.

Considering his services and achievements, military and civil, and

his labors since the close of his official career to ameliorate the condition of the criminal and unfortunate classes throughout the land, we must conclude that he stands second to no statesman or philanthropist of any age, and in the sombre and subdued light that surrounds his tomb we discern, more clearly than in the noon-tide splendor of his life, those high moral traits and aims which prompted all his acts, and the zeal and ability devoted to their development and establishment, that vastly surpass those of common men, as well as those of most of the leaders of his time, and in comparison with which the glory of party leaders simply, however bright, pales and fades away; and the elevation of such a man by the common acclaim of his countrymen to the seat that had been filled by Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Lincoln and Grant, demonstrates as well their clear discernment of his real merit and character as the patriotism and high qualifications of this illustrious soldier and citizen for the exalted position.

*Resolved*, That in the death of our Commander-in-Chief the Order has lost one of its most illustrious members, distinguished for his military services not less than for his high civic career; the nation one of its purest statesmen; the world a devoted philanthropist and one of its wisest men.

*Resolved*, That this Commandery tender the sympathy and condolence of all our members to all other Commanderies of our Order in this common bereavement, and that each member will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That this Commandery tender to the relatives and friends of the deceased our deepest sympathies in their affliction.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each member of the family of the deceased, and to each Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

ALEX. RAMSEY,  
JOHN B. SANBORN,  
J. W. BISHOP,  
EDWIN C. MASON,  
C. B. HEFFELFINGER,

*Committee.*

**Commandery of the State of Oregon**

**In Memoriam**

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Oregon

*Whereas*, The life, character and public services of Rutherford B. Hayes typify the highest ideal of American manhood, Christian living and exalted statesmanship, illustrating the sentiment that to be great and good is to have the homage and admiration of the American people, and dying, leave a name as well as fame worthy the emulation of those who come after; and

*Whereas*, After he had adorned the highest position in the power of the American people to give, and stood in first place in the hearts of his countrymen, he honored the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, in which he with us was Companion, by accepting and acting as Commander-in-Chief of that organization; thus adding the lustre of his good name prominently to the illustrious record of names whose military service in the time of the nation's greatest peril not only entitles them to membership with the association, but also to the gratitude and esteem of every loyal citizen; therefore be it

*Resolved*, By the Commandery of the State of Oregon, that in the death of Rutherford B. Hayes, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the country to which he belonged has lost one of its purest, best and most illustrious citizens, good citizenship one of its most exemplary members, and this organization a Companion in whom every Companion felt a just pride, and to whose life, character and services we point as an example for the emulation of the youth of our land, conscious that the name Rutherford B. Hayes will stand enshrined in the hearts of our people and in the history of our times as one of the noblest products of free American institutions.

JOHN W. FRENCH,

JOHN H. WOODWARD,

STEPHEN R. HARRINGTON,

*Committee.*

**Commandery of the State of Missouri**

**In Memoriam**

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Missouri

The members of the Loyal Legion of the Commandery of Missouri, in common with their brethren throughout the United States, have heard with profound sorrow of the death of their Commander-in-Chief, General, and ex-President Rutherford Birchard Hayes.

Distinguished alike in his military and civil career, he has left to his country, to his comrades and to posterity a character which all men will delight to honor, and the influence of which will deepen and broaden as time rolls on. His cotemporaries and especially his companions in arms can feel a just pride in knowing that the history of our country, already luminous with great lives, will gain additional lustre in bearing upon its pages the record of a citizen whose ambitions and achievements were always conspicuously blended with public and private virtue.

Men upon whom devolve the responsibility of legislation and the administration of public affairs, will take courage in the assurance here presented, that the American people love and venerate a statesmanship which pursues the ways of wisdom and patriotism undismayed by madding strife and untempted by selfish greed. Women from whose maternal purity posterity must draw all that is beneficent and uplifting in the civilization of the future, will gather inspiration from the reverence which a great people has paid to the sweetness of life and the noble dignity that characterized the wife of our departed friend.

No braver soldier than Rutherford B. Hayes ever drew sword in a just cause, and none ever sheathed it more gladly in the hour of triumph. While the fight was on, he was the incarnated energy of war, always in the front of battle, unwearied and undismayed. When it was over, he was foremost to assuage the bitterness of defeat, and to rekindle the fires of fraternal love for a reunited country.

It was a fitting complement to his services as a soldier that the great State of Ohio, rich in illustrious sons, thrice elected him to the highest office within her gift. His administration of public affairs as Governor of his State needs no encomium other than the recital of

these exceptional and distinguished honors. Succeeding in 1877 to the august office of President of the United States, after a political conflict of unparalleled fierceness and one that was fraught with great public peril, he assumed the duties of Chief Executive under circumstances that were well calculated to daunt a spirit less serene and self-poised. His services as a President are a part of the history of our country. The period of his administration was one of grave political and economical problems in the solution of which there was but little guidance from the lamp of past experience. Whatever opinions may be held as to the political tenets of President Hayes, or as to his wisdom in solving the complex questions of that day, the American people with undivided voice will bear grateful testimony to his purity of life, his integrity of purpose, magnanimity of conduct, and his patriotic zeal in the creation of a new era of national brotherhood, in which the bitterness of the past would be swallowed up, and upon which the new citizenship that was born of the war would be all-embracing and ever-abiding.

Retiring to the walks of private life, his subsequent years were characterized by a dignity of bearing, a genial suavity, and a gentleness of temper that made him a favorite in every circle, and nowhere more welcome than to the society of his well-beloved comrades of the war.

The Loyal Legion of the United States paid him the highest honor of their Order by a unanimous election as Commander-in-Chief to succeed the lamented Sheridan. His presence, which has so often graced its gatherings, will be seen no more.

His fervid eloquence, which has so often re-kindled the old fires, is forever hushed. But this intelligence, so broad, so wise, so strong and so pure, will remain a living influence to the youth of our land, instructive and inspiring.

*Be it Resolved*, That this memorial be placed upon the records of the Commandery, and that a duly authenticated copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased with the tender sympathies of the Companions of the Order.

NELSON COLE,	Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.
JAMES F. HOW,	of the Army of the Tennessee.
S. H. FORDYCE,	of the Army of the Cumberland.
FRANK R. RICE,	of the Army of the Potomac.
M. S. STUYVESANT,	of the U.S. Navy.
W. H. POWELL,	of the Army of West Virginia.

*Committee.*





**Commandery of the State of Nebraska**

***In Memoriam***

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Nebraska

The Commandery of Nebraska, of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, has official information of the recent death of its distinguished and beloved Commander-in-Chief, General Rutherford Birchard Hayes ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we unite with the sorrowing Companions of the entire Order in expressing a grief that is poignant, and without consolation.

We do not offer worship at the shrine of greatness, measured by the world's judgment ; but we come with lamentations over the loss to our Companionship of a valiant soldier, a pure citizen, and a shining type of American manhood.

A Christian without a creed, a philanthropist without pretension, benevolent without ostentation, and of conspicuous charity to all, his nobility of character was emphasized in valorous deeds of war, in magnanimous deeds of peace, and in that exalted heroism which "suffers, and is silent."

Loving and cherishing the memory of his estimable private virtues and his eminent public worth, we bow in reverent and sorrowing submission to this dispensation of the Great Ruler of all destinies — the God of our faith.

To the family, mourning for him whom they loved, and in whom they trusted without measure, we tender in their great bereavement our deep sympathy and earnest condolence.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Commandery, and that an engrossed copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

JOSEPH W. PADDOCK,  
MICHAEL V. SHERIDAN,  
THADDEUS S. CLARKSON,

*Committee.*

# **Commandery of the State of Kansas**

## **In Memoriam**

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Colorado

In the death of our Commander-in-Chief our Order suffers an irreparable loss; for among the distinguished patriots who preceded him in command and to the Beyond, none exhibited greater interest and ardor in the well-being and honorable standing and career of the Loyal Legion than he; and while we testify in mournful accents to our deep sorrow at his death, we do feel an honorable pride in the history of his career, and in the flag and the civilization that it represents, that made it possible for an obscure orphan boy to rise from the common level of the average citizen to the rank and power of the most influential and powerful potentate on earth.

He was born October 4, 1822, in Delaware, Ohio, and was a descendant from George Hayes, a Scotchman, who came to America and settled in Connecticut in 1682.

His early years were so carefully cared for that in 1842 he graduated with high honors as valedictorian of his class at Kenyon College. The three following years he devoted to the study of law at Harvard Law School. After his admission to the bar in 1845, he opened a law office at Fremont, O., where he remained until 1850, when he removed to Cincinnati, in search of a wider and more promising field for his activity.

For eleven years he gave his entire attention to the law, and in 1861 was standing in the very front rank of his chosen profession, when President Lincoln issued his first call for 75,000 volunteers to defend the Government. He immediately tendered his services to the Governor of Ohio, and was appointed Major of the 23d Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His military career was an active one in the enemy's country. He soon distinguished himself for meritorious service, and rose to the command of a division in the Army of West Virginia. March 13, 1865, he was brevetted Major-General for gallant and distinguished services during the campaign of 1864.

Upon the urgent solicitation of his many friends in Cincinnati, he accepted a seat in the 39th Congress as representative of the 2d

Congressional District, and took his seat December 4, 1865; was re-elected to the 40th Congress in 1867, and was elected Governor of the State of Ohio the same year, to which position he was re-elected in 1869. He was tendered the nomination of his party for re-election in 1871, but declined the honor.

In 1875, after much urgent solicitation from his party friends, he accepted the nomination for Governor of Ohio, and for the third time was elected to that distinguished and honorable position. The following year the Republican National Convention nominated Governor Hayes for the Presidency of the United States. He was elected, and March 4, 1877, was inaugurated at Washington, D. C. His administration of the government was patriotic and without scandal. He did all that in him lay to reunite the North and South under one Constitution and one flag. From the first, like many before and since, he declared he would not accept a second nomination, and like none, either before or since, he was consistent.

At the close of his official career in 1881, he asked the question, "What shall the ex-Presidents do?" Answering the question himself, he said, "Let them do all in their power to promote the welfare of their fellow man." During the twelve years of retirement, from 1881 to 1893, he exemplified his earnest belief in this precept.

He was elected a member of the First Class in the Order by the Illinois Commandery, July 6, 1881; was transferred to and chosen Commander of the Commandery of Ohio, February 1, 1883, in which capacity he served until May 4, 1887, when he declined another election. He became Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States October 21, 1885; was elected Commander-in-Chief October 17, 1888, and by re-election held that distinguished position until the day of his death.

He took the most intense interest in the welfare of the Order, and never missed a meeting of his Commandery or of the Commandery-in-Chief. In 1883 he was elected President of the National Prison Association, in the work of which he took deep interest and accomplished much good. He believed firmly in prison reform and advocated it, though never injudiciously. He took great interest in all educational movements, especially in the South; was a member-at-large of both the Board for the Direction of the Funds for Southern Education and of the Board of Education for Freedmen. In 1886 he presided over a large convention of directors of education in the South, and was the prime factor in movements for the bettering of the school systems there. He took great interest in the manual training

schools, and all other educational enterprises for the elevation and advancement of the colored race, and they may well say that in his death they have lost one of their most active and efficient friends.

He was much sought after by educational institutions in the North; he was at the same time a trustee of the Western Reserve College at Cleveland, Ohio; of the Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware; and of the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio. The new manual training building at the latter university was named in his honor "Hayes Hall," a fitting monument to his fame.

"Descending from the exalted position of President of the United States of America to the walks of private life without ostentation, he devoted his days to doing good. In all efforts for the advancement of the people, in all desirable reforms, he was earnest and active, and his ability made him a leader. In that hardest of all hard stations to fill, that of ex-President, he won the approbation and respect of all, as he had done in the several exalted public positions which had sought him."

The Companions of the Second Class of our Order, as well as all other of the virtuous youth of America, can find for imitation and emulation no name more conspicuous in all the public and domestic virtues than that of our deceased Companion, Rutherford Birchard Hayes. A friend has said of him

"Some say, 'No kind of genius made him great —

He was a common, plodding sort of man.'

My answer is: If you can imitate

That bravery which took him to the van  
Of bloody battle for our Nation's life;

If you can reach a manhood true as his  
To public trust, to neighbors, home and wife;

If you, between dread Scylla and Charybdis,  
Shall ever safely guide thro' stormy days —

With many foes on board — our Ship of State;  
Poets to you a monument will raise,

And on it put the sentence, 'He was great  
In all that Heaven delights to recompense —

His genius wore the garb of Common Sense.' "

CYRUS W. FISHER,  
*Committee.*

**Commandery of the State of Indiana**

***In Memoriam***

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Indiana

It is hard to bow with resignation to the stroke of death that took from us our beloved Commander-in-Chief. Did we not believe that the Great King doeth all things well, the spirit of puny rebellion would fain put out its hand in opposition ; but it is better, as we lay him away under the snow, to count the days of the years of our own lives and be reminded that the ripe age of threescore and ten that crept upon him is also creeping upon us.

The country has produced but few men whose lives were so beautifully rounded out in all the qualities that go to make up a man. As a boy he was a leader of boys, and the pride of a widowed mother, who believed in him. As a man he went not in the paths of the ungodly, but with an ambition to attain the utmost of his possibilities, he strained every nerve for the accomplishment of that end.

When our country's flag was fired upon by traitors he sprang forward among the first to defend it. With a warm but hasty farewell to wife and children, he gathered together a company of his friends and led them, as their captain, to the nearest camp of patriots, where they became a part of the 23d Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Without drill they were pushed into Virginia, to become victors in the first battles of the war. Promotion began at once ; he was first made Major, then Lieutenant-Colonel, then a Colonel's eagle served him until 1864, when, while commanding a brigade amidst the horrors of the 19th of October, on the bloody field of Cedar Creek, he was made a Brigadier. There were brave men there that day, but none more brave than General Hayes.

When the last armed foe had surrendered at Appomattox he returned to again embrace the loved ones at home, but here new fields opened to his view. While leading his brigade in Virginia he was elected to represent his district in Congress. Before his term expired he resigned to accept the office of Governor of his State.

A second and third time did the people of Ohio honor him with their suffrages. We all remember the stirring times of 1876, when it



required the utmost wisdom and forbearance to avoid an event second only in importance to the great rebellion itself. During the whole period there was not the slightest ground for believing that General Hayes sought in the remotest degree to influence the action of the electoral commission which declared him elected to the Presidency. Accepting this, the highest position within the gift of the people, he promptly set about putting in force the principles laid down in his letter of acceptance. In thus with Spartan courage obeying his convictions of duty as the official head of a great nation rather than the head of a great political party, he was sometimes under the necessity of disregarding the advice of political friends. Their displeasure did not deter him from going straight ahead with what he believed to be right, although their defection often hampered him in the accomplishment of his purposes. Yet in all, self-government was restored to the South; specie payments were resumed; civil service was rescued from annihilation; and the national debt was refunded at a low rate of interest.

No candid man of whatever party will fail to acknowledge these beneficent and patriotic services during this dangerous period of reconstruction, nor the purity of purpose that graced every act of his public career. Released from the cares of state, he sought repose under the shadows of the oaks at Speigel Grove, at Fremont, Ohio. At the side of a wife distinguished for her nobility of character, surrounded by children that did honor to such parents, in the midst of books of careful selection, he enjoyed the happiness of a home adorned with love, intelligence and religion.

Companions, we mourn not the conventional sorrow usual on these occasions, but as children we suffer the heartache of bereavement. Our nation mourns, but bows submissively to the decrees of Him whose ways are past finding out.

A defender of our flag has been called home. He had no thirst for military fame, but drew his sword to preserve a nation's liberties and to set the bondman free.

Firm in discipline, yet those whom duty required him to punish loved him. On the long and weary march the soldier, fainting under his heavy knapsack, had his burden lifted from his back and tied to the commander's saddle, or was himself placed thereon.

His scars attest his courage on the field of battle, yet was he never drawn into a reckless exposure of person to win applause, or when such would serve no good purpose. In civil life his outstretched arm was ever leading in works that would promote the welfare and happiness of

his fellow man. The prisoner in his cold and lonely cell ; the unfortunate, whether from appetite, disease, or unfortunate circumstances ; the widow ; the orphan ; the ignorant, and even the depraved, drew upon his sympathies according to their needs. Every fibre of his great soul was wrapped in a tissue of tenderness.

He was not callous, but keenly sensitive to the arrows of adverse criticism by disappointed place-hunters, but conscious rectitude lifted him above resentment, and that page of his record remains spotless from the fact that he sought the greatest good to the whole people.

In the world and of the world, whatever he was or was not, few men during the last two decades so impressed themselves upon history, upon civilization, and upon the hearts of his contemporaries. His amiability and open-handed courtesy were conspicuous points of his character, but these were never tarnished by obsequiousness or loss of dignity.

Standing on the summit of earthly honors, he drank the applause of his countrymen at every turn of his pathway during the closing years of his life ; yet in the quiet of his soul he turned and "with the grasshopper sang his evening song."

His greatness was not the flash of the meteor racing across the sky, but the steady light of living, operating truth.

The immortal Lincoln will forever stand at the top of the roll of statesmen developed by the rebellion, because of his anointing by Almighty God. Morton won laurels as a leader in the hour of trial. Untimely death shortened their days of usefulness and glory. The lengthened years of Hayes were filled with enthusiastic service in the cause of learning and humanity. He did not write his name on the sand washed by the waves or drifted by the winds, but on the hearts of a people of a great nation ; and of his virtues will we speak to our children for their emulation.

We have laid his form by the side of his beloved wife on the wooded shores of Lake Erie, and as we turn away to our homes, let us not think of them as sleeping there under the snow or green sods, but as arm in arm in the bright halls of the "mansions not made with hands," greeting kindred spirits gone before.

"I know that I am going to where Lucy is," were sweet and fitting words to close the lips that will be heard no more forever.

WILLIAM C. STARR, Lieut.-Colonel U.S.V.

JOHN LEE VARYAN, Adjutant U.S.V.

J. S. OSTRANDER, Brevet Major U.S.A.

*Committee.*

**Commandery of the State of Washington**

***In Memoriam***

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Washington

The shadow of death has again fallen on the chair of the Commander-in-Chief, and for the second time in five years we are called on to mourn the death of an illustrious Companion and the head of the Order of the Loyal Legion.

General Rutherford B. Hayes was one of the marked men of our time, and he illustrated in his career as well perhaps as any other citizen, the spirit and genius of our American life. Born in humble station in the early history of the West, and with only ordinary opportunities for advancement, he achieved by industry, perseverance, and the development of high character, the highest honors in his own country, and assured fame throughout the civilized world.

General, Governor, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, these high places, all of which he successfully filled, measure the extent and fulness of his abilities, and they will surely give him high place in American history.

General Hayes' life was distinguished by the best qualities of human nature; patriotism and philanthropy were exhibited in all his public and private life; and patience, industry, courage and fortitude were natural traits of his character. Whatever his relative rank may be in history among Generals and Presidents, he will be one of the most eminent men of his day for love of country and love of his fellow men.

HENRY C. BOSTWICK,  
Major and Surgeon 9th Kansas Cavalry.

B. W. COINER,

L. P. BRADLEY,  
Brigadier-General U.S.V.

*Committee.*

**Commandery of the State of Vermont**

***In Memoriam***

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

## Commandery of the State of Vermont

As Companions of the Loyal Legion, we join the other Commanderies of our Order in placing upon record our sense of heavy loss in the death of its Commander-in-Chief. As comrades we mourn the departure from earth of one who right worthily wore the army blue, and who held responsible command on battlefields where many Vermont soldiers faced the foes of the Union. As Vermonters we claim as belonging in good part to us one who was born but three months after his father left our State for his new home in Ohio, and who was of Vermont parentage for two generations.

His biographers have told us that the ancestral motto on the coat of arms of the Hayes family was the single word "*Recte*,"—and rectitude expressed in a single word the rule of his life. As a lawyer he was upright and straightforward. As a politician he was high-minded and patriotic. As a soldier he was brave, modest, devoted to duty,—rising by his merit alone from the rank of Major to that of Brigadier and Brevet Major-General; and winning enviable laurels by his firmness and capacity as a brigade commander under Sheridan in the battles of Winchester, Opequan, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. As a Member of Congress it is recorded of him that he never shirked responsibility, or dodged a vote, or was connected with any measure of which an honorable and loyal man could be ashamed.

Thrice elected Governor of the great State of Ohio, the office sought him and not he the office, and he left it with a high reputation for executive ability and for tireless promotion of measures of public beneficence. Called to the Presidency of the United States under more trying circumstances than any chief magistrate since Washington, he so bore himself in that high office as to win the respect of good men of all parties, and the hatred of traitors, bigots, and public plunderers.

In private life his political enemies were glad to be known as his friends, and all who had intercourse with him recognized his genuine courtesy, kindness and manly worth. In every capacity he left an

unsullied record, and proved himself—if not one of the world's greatest, one of its truest and best — a genuine Christian gentleman.

General Hayes was devoted to the interests of the Loyal Legion. He was a charter member of the Ohio Commandery ; was four times elected its Commander, and for nearly five years held the highest office in our Order, which he was filling with undiminished honor when he died. In this as elsewhere he was blameless, respected and beloved.

Let his life be an example and a guide to us in all that is pure and unselfish in motive, honorable in conduct, and well-pleasing to God and man.

GEORGE G. BENEDICT,  
E. HENRY POWELL,  
F. STEWART STRANAHAN,  
LEVI G. KINGSLEY,  
FRED. E. SMITH,

*Committee.*





**The Commandery-in-Chief**

**In Memoriam**

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**RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES**

**BREVET MAJOR-GENERAL U. S. VOLS.**

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## The Commandery-in-Chief

The Committee to whom was referred the preparation of a minute commemorative of Companion ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, deceased, late Commander-in-Chief of this Military Order, submitted the following :

In commemoration of its deceased Commander-in-Chief the Commandery-in-Chief recalls that in May, 1861, he wrote privately of himself "that this was a great and necessary war, and that it demanded the best strength of the whole country; that I would prefer to go into it, if I knew that I was to be killed in the course of it, rather than to live through and after it without taking any part in it."

Upon being importuned to leave the field and canvass in his own behalf a congressional district in which he had received a nomination which was unsought and unwelcome, but if followed up would probably result in his election, his reply was, "Your suggestion was certainly made without reflection. An officer fit for duty who at this crisis would abandon his post to electioneer for Congress, ought to be scalped. You may feel perfectly sure I shall do no such thing." Being nevertheless elected, he did not take his seat until the war was over. Grant's commendation of his military service was that "his conduct on the field was marked by conspicuous gallantry, as well as the display of higher qualities than mere personal daring."

At a later period, when it was obviously possible that he would be nominated for President of the United States, in reply to a friend who begged leave of him to labor to that end, he wrote, "I am not pushing directly or indirectly. It is not likely that I shall. If the sky falls we shall catch larks. On the topics you name, a busy seeker after truth would find my views in speeches and messages, but I shall not help him to find them. I appreciate your motives and your friendship. But it is not the thing for you and me to enrol ourselves in the great army of office-seekers; let the currents alone." In the same connection, he wrote in his diary, "I feel less diffidence in thinking of this

subject than perhaps I ought. It seems to me that good purpose and the judgment, experience and firmness I possess would enable me to execute the duties of the office well. I do not feel the least fear that I should fail."

In his letter of acceptance he announced, "Believing that the restoration of the civil service to the system established by Washington, and followed by the early Presidents, can be best accomplished by an executive who is under no temptation to use the patronage of his office to secure his own re-election, I desire to perform what I regard as a duty, in stating now my inflexible purpose, if elected, not to be a candidate for election to a second term."

In the contest following the election he wrote to the Hon. John Sherman, his friend and representative in the Senate of the United States, "You feel, I am sure, as I do about this whole business. A fair election would have given us about forty electoral votes at the South—at least that many. But we are not to allow our friends to defeat one outrage and fraud by another. There must be nothing crooked on our part. Let Mr. Tilden have the place by violence, intimidation, and fraud, rather than undertake to prevent it by means that will not bear the strictest scrutiny."

And the words in his inaugural, "He serves his party best who serves his country best," were the keynote maintained throughout his administration. At its close, returning to his neighbors in Fremont, he said, "The question is often heard, 'What is to become of the man—what is he to do—who, having been chief magistrate of the Republic, returns at the end of his official term to private life?' It seems to me that the answer is near at hand and sufficient: Let him, like every other good American citizen, be willing and prompt to bear his part in every useful work that will promote the happiness and the progress of his family, his town, his state, and his country. With this disposition he will have work enough to do, and that work of a sort which yields more individual contentment and gratification than belong to the more conspicuous employments of the life he has left behind."

This was so emphasized by his remaining years that his face in its coffin wore a look of ineffable peace; and the prayer with which he was committed to his grave was pervaded with thanksgiving for his life.

This was the soldier, the President, the man, who reckoned it becoming in himself to serve this Military Order, and who served it faithfully and loved it well. The Order has been honored by that ser-

vice, more even by his manhood than it has been by the exalted station he associated with that service. His virtues are its heritage, his affection for it is a lasting contribution to its ties.

WAGER SWAYNE,  
Brevet Major-General U.S.A.

LEWIS MERRILL,  
Brevet Brigadier-General U.S.V.

ARNOLD A. RAND,  
Colonel U.S.V.

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